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The next morning.

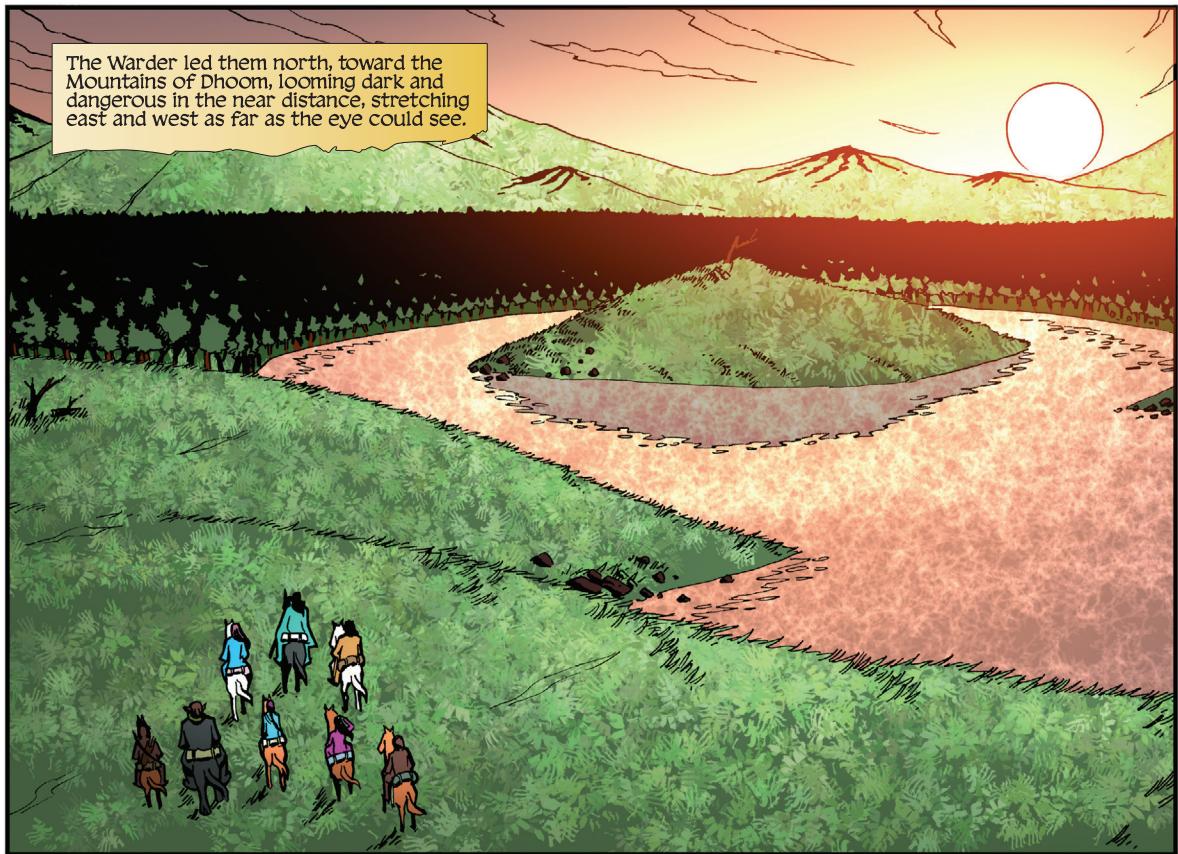
After the packhorse was loaded, after every scrap and smudge and track were gone and everyone else was mounted, Moiraine Sedai stood in the middle of the hilltop with her eyes closed, not even seeming to breathe.

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

FOR ME TO REMOVE THE LAST VESTIGE OF WHAT I DID HERE LAST NIGHT.

THE RESIDUES WOULD HAVE DISSIPATED ON THEIR OWN IN A DAY, BUT I WILL NOT TAKE ANY RISK I CAN AVOID NOW. WE ARE TOO CLOSE, AND THE SHADOW IS TOO STRONG HERE

The Warder led them north, toward the Mountains of Dhoom, looming dark and dangerous in the near distance, stretching east and west as far as the eye could see.



As the mountains drew closer, so did the true Blight.

Where a leaf had been spotted black and mottled yellow before, now foliage fell wetly while Rand watched, breaking apart from the weight of its own corruption.

The trees were tortured, crippled things, ooze sliding like pus from bark that was cracked and split.

HUH. THE TREES ALMOST LOOK AS IF THEY WANT TO GRAB US.

MAT...

WELL THEY DO LOOK IT.

AND SOME OF THEM DO WANT IT.

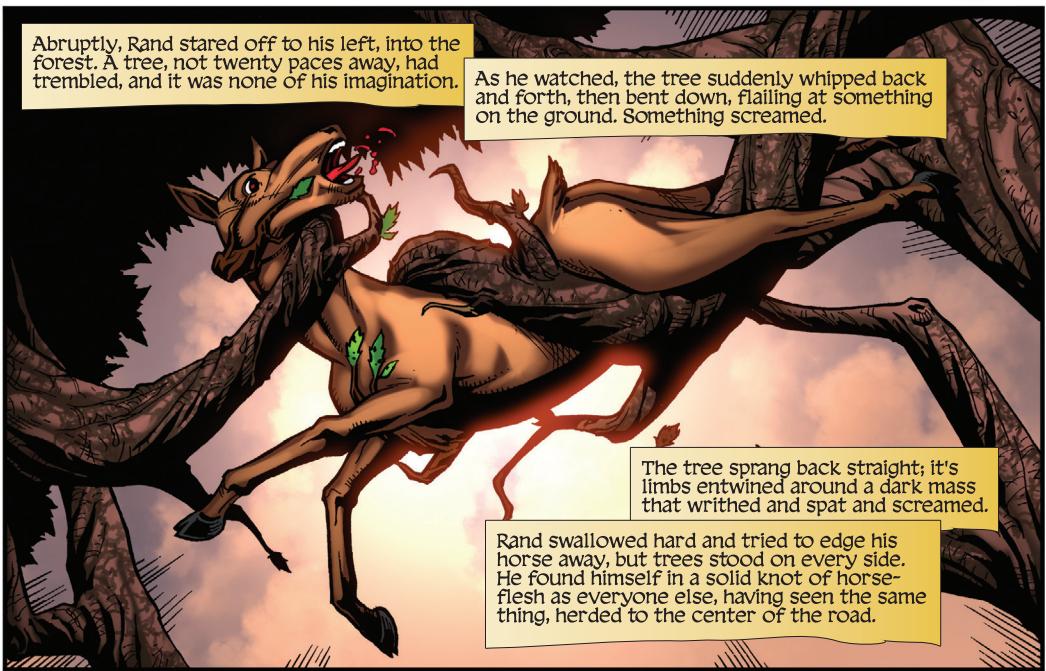
BUT THEY WANT NO PART OF WHAT I AM, AND MY PRESENCE PROTECTS YOU.



Mat laughed uneasily, as if he thought it were a joke on Moiraine's part... but Rand was not so sure. This was the Blight, after all.

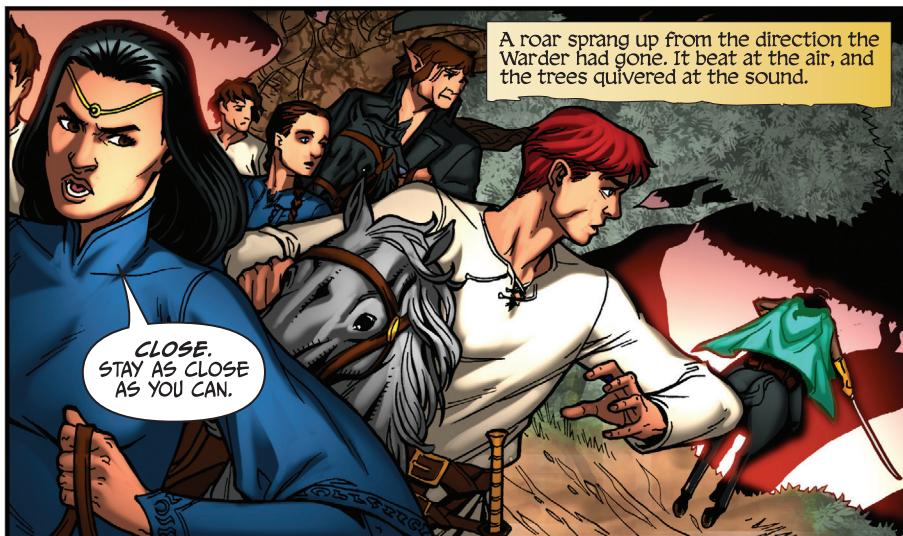
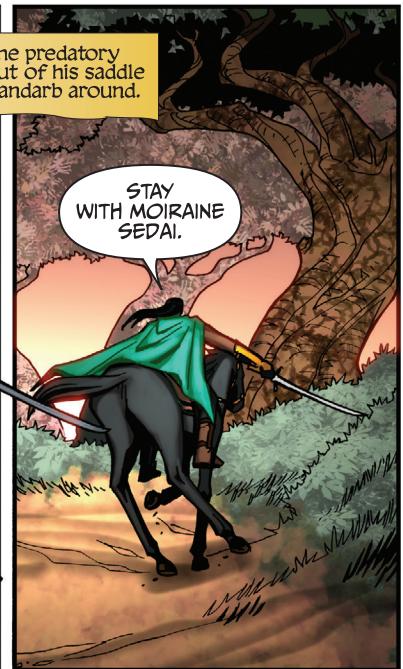
Abruptly, Rand stared off to his left, into the forest. A tree, not twenty paces away, had trembled, and it was none of his imagination.

As he watched, the tree suddenly whipped back and forth, then bent down, flailing at something on the ground. Something screamed.

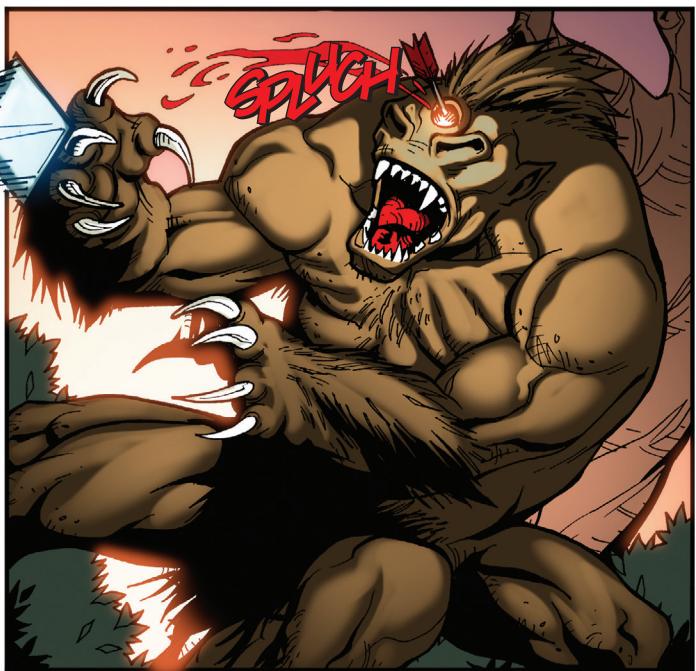
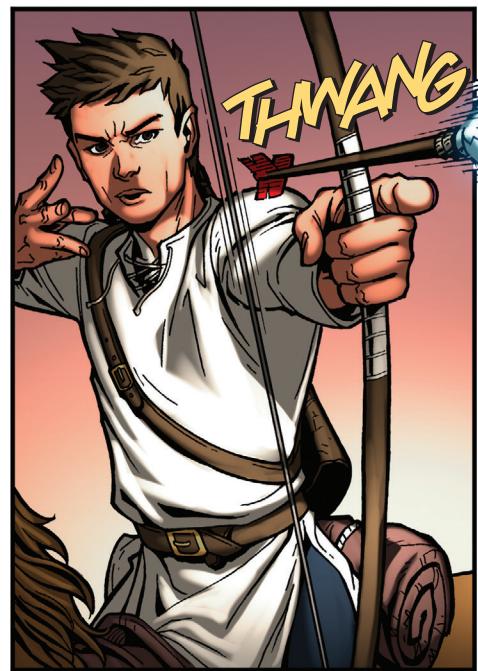
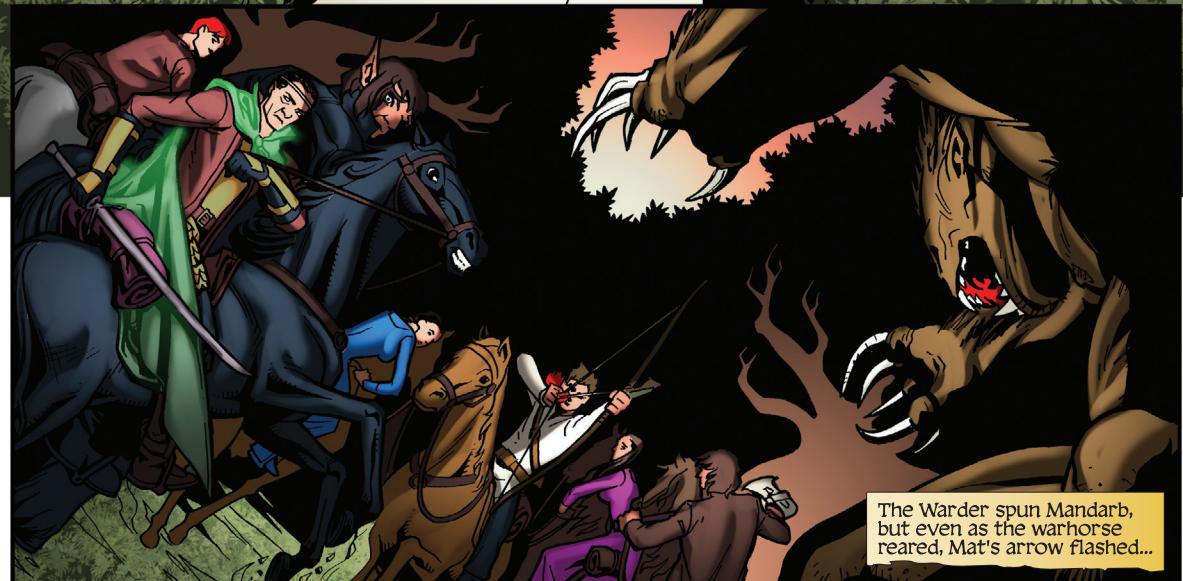


The tree sprang back straight; its limbs entwined around a dark mass that writhed and spat and screamed.

Rand swallowed hard and tried to edge his horse away, but trees stood on every side. He found himself in a solid knot of horse-flesh as everyone else, having seen the same thing, herded to the center of the road.



Silently, a massive body leaped out of the trees at them.





He struck out again and again, the heron-mark blade slicing through corrupted limbs. Hungry branches jerked back severed, writhing stumps—but more came, wriggling like snakes, attempting to snare his arms, his waist, his neck.



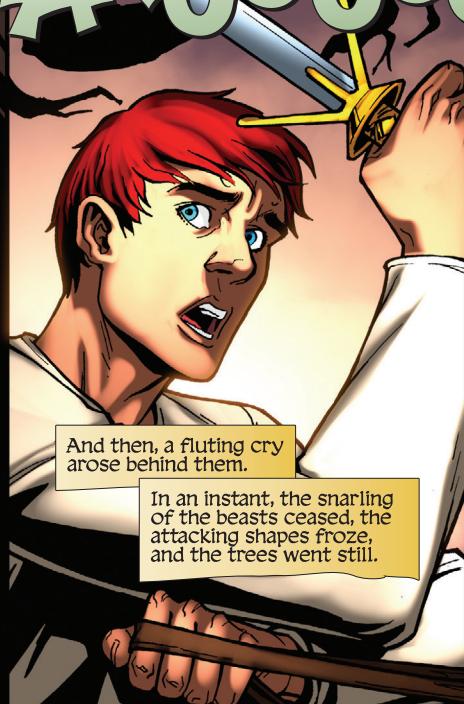
Rand sought the void and found it in the stony, stubborn soil of the Two Rivers.





They made their way one slow pace at a time. If the trees had not attacked the snarling beasts of the Blight as much as the humans, Rand was sure they would have been overwhelmed. He was not certain it would not happen still.

TARUUUUU



In an instant, the snarling of the beasts ceased, the attacking shapes froze, and the trees went still.





The Blight flowed past, weeds and grasses splashing rotten under galloping hooves. Trees of the kinds that had earlier attacked did not even twitch when they rode directly underneath the twisted branches.

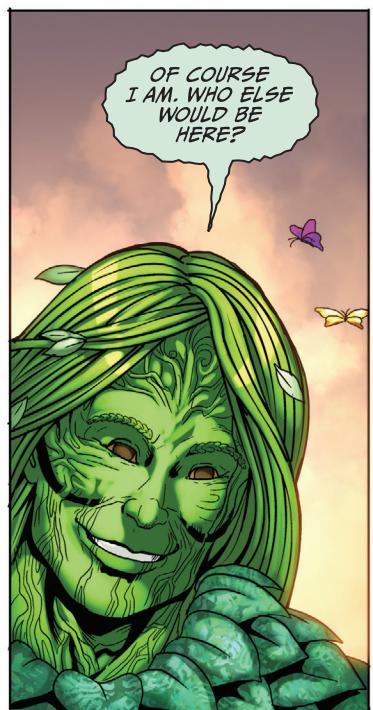
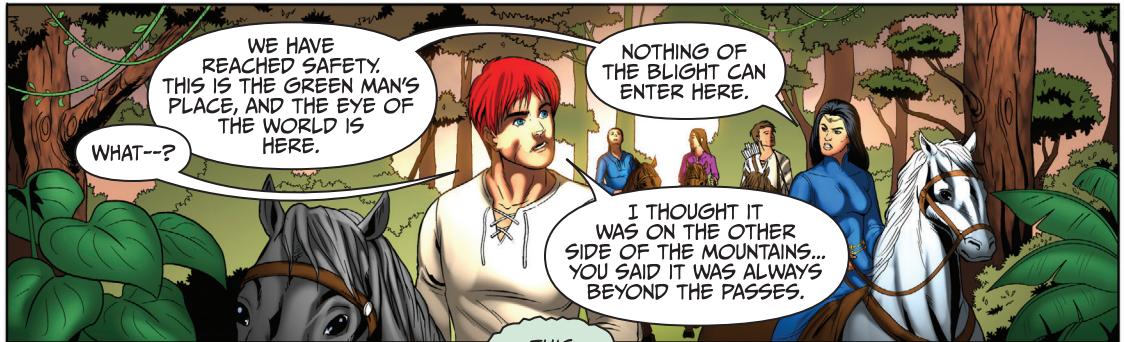
TARUWWU



The cries of the worms were sharp and clear behind them. And too near.







IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU, LITTLE BROTHER. IN THE PAST, MANY OF THE OGIER CAME TO VISIT ME, BUT FEW OF RECENT DAYS.

YOU HONOR ME, TREEBROTHER. TSINGU MA CHOSHIIH, T'ING-SHEN.

THERE IS NO HONORING, LITTLE BROTHER. WE WILL SING TREE SONGS TOGETHER, AND REMEMBER THE GREAT TREES, AND THE STEDDING, AND HOLD THE LONGING AT BAY.

A WOLFBROTHER! DO THE OLD TIMES TRULY WALK AGAIN?

I--

STRANGE CLOTHES YOU WEAR, CHILD OF THE DRAGON. HAS THE WHEEL TURNED SO FAR? DO THE PEOPLE OF THE DRAGON RETURN TO THE FIRST COVENANT?

BUT YOU WEAR A SWORD. THAT IS NEITHER NOW NOR THEN.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I... CANNOT SAY. MY MEMORIES ARE TORN AND OFTEN FLEETING, AND MUCH OF WHAT REMAINS IS LIKE LEAVES VISITED BY CATERPILLARS. YET I AM SURE... NO, IT IS GONE. YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

YOU, MOIRANE SEDAII, ARE MORE THAN A SURPRISE. WHEN THIS PLACE WAS MADE, IT WAS MADE SO THAT NONE COULD FIND IT TWICE. HOW HAVE YOU COME HERE?

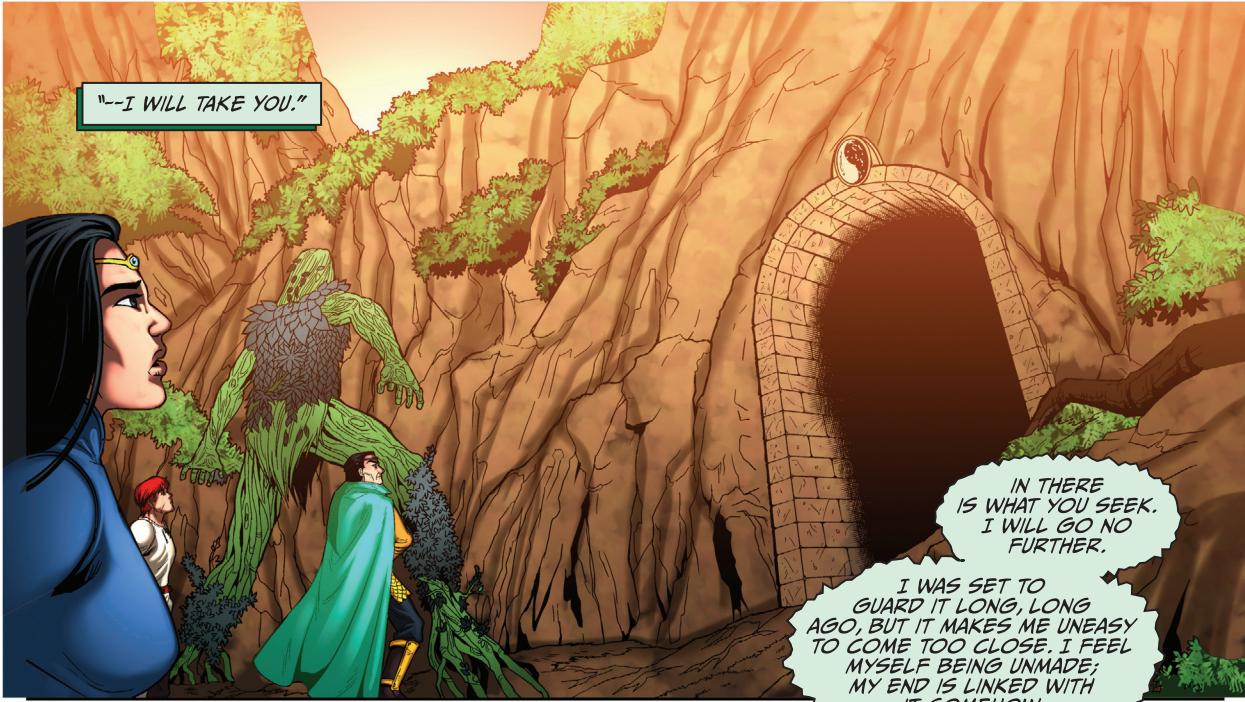
NEED. MY NEED, THE WORLD'S NEED. WE HAVE COME TO SEE THE EYE OF THE WORLD.

THEN IT HAS COME AGAIN. THAT MEMORY REMAINS WHOLE. THE DARK ONE STIRS. I HAVE FEARED IT.

EVERY TURNING OF YEARS, THE BLIGHT STRIVES HARDER TO COME INSIDE, AND THIS TURN THE STRUGGLE TO KEEP IT OUT HAS BEEN GREATER THAN EVER SINCE THE BEGINNING. COME--



"--I WILL TAKE YOU."



I WAS SET TO GUARD IT LONG, LONG AGO, BUT IT MAKES ME UNEASY TO COME TOO CLOSE. I FEEL MYSELF BEING UNMADE; MY END IS LINKED WITH IT SOMEHOW.

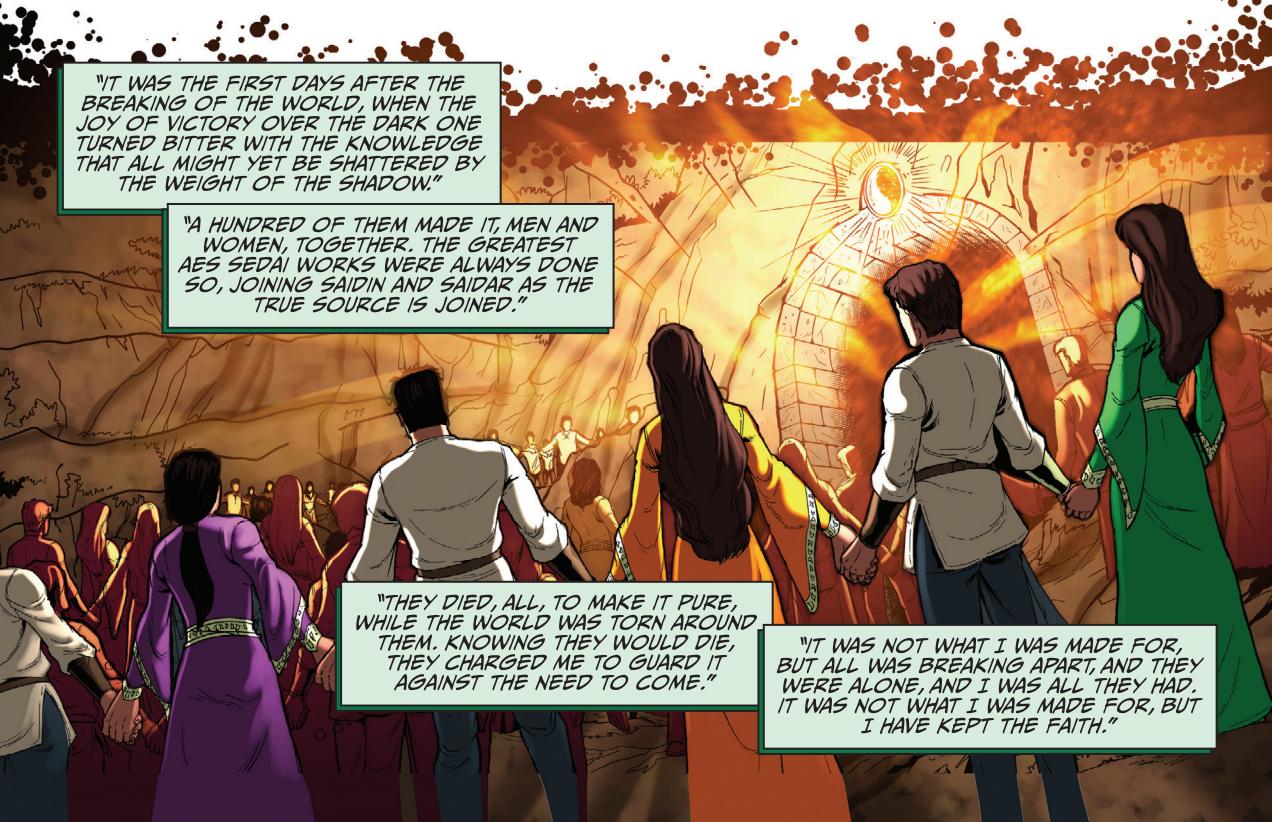


"IT WAS THE FIRST DAYS AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE WORLD, WHEN THE JOY OF VICTORY OVER THE DARK ONE TURNED BITTER WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ALL MIGHT YET BE SHATTERED BY THE WEIGHT OF THE SHADOW."

"A HUNDRED OF THEM MADE IT, MEN AND WOMEN, TOGETHER. THE GREATEST AES SEDAI WORKS WERE ALWAYS DONE SO, JOINING SAIDIN AND SAIDAR AS THE TRUE SOURCE IS JOINED."

"THEY DIED, ALL, TO MAKE IT PURE, WHILE THE WORLD WAS TORN AROUND THEM. KNOWING THEY WOULD DIE, THEY CHARGED ME TO GUARD IT AGAINST THE NEED TO COME."

"IT WAS NOT WHAT I WAS MADE FOR, BUT ALL WAS BREAKING APART, AND THEY WERE ALONE, AND I WAS ALL THEY HAD. IT WAS NOT WHAT I WAS MADE FOR, BUT I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH."





I HAVE KEPT  
THE FAITH UNTIL IT  
WAS NEEDED, AND  
NOW IT ENDS.

YOU HAVE KEPT  
THE FAITH BETTER THAN  
MOST OF US WHO HAVE  
GIVEN YOU THE  
CHARGE.

PERHAPS IT  
WILL NOT COME  
AS BADLY AS  
YOU FEAR.



I KNOW AN  
ENDING WHEN IT  
COMES, ABS  
SEDAI.

I WILL FIND  
ANOTHER PLACE TO  
MAKE THINGS GROW.  
ANOTHER PLACE,  
PERHAPS.



WHEN YOU  
COME OUT, I WILL  
SEE YOU AGAIN...

...IF THERE  
IS TIME.



WHAT  
DID HE MEAN  
"IF THERE'S  
TIME?"

COME.



Rand was not sure what he expected when he followed the Aes Sedai into the archway. The hair stirred on his arms and rose on the back of his neck. But it was only a corridor, its polished walls rounded overhead like the arch, winding gently downward.

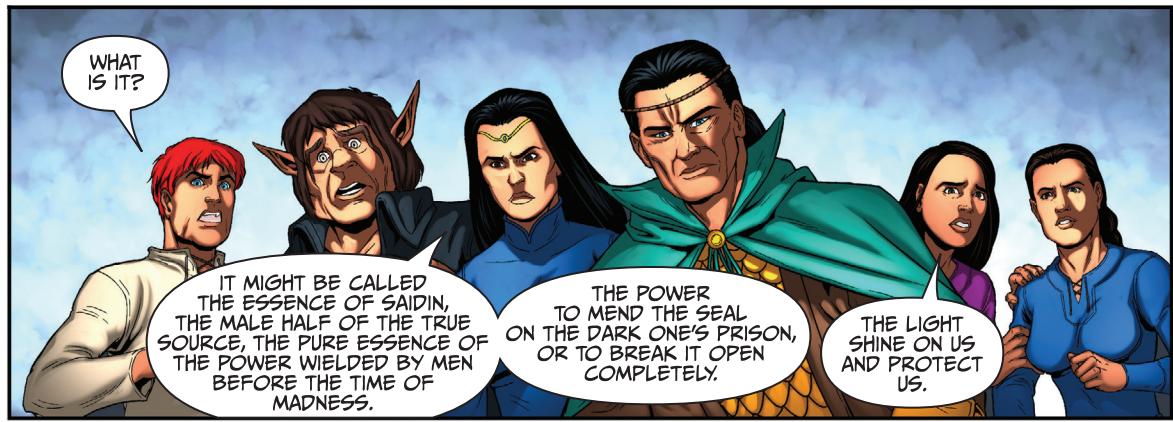
The seamless white walls glittered with uncounted flecks in untold colors, giving a low, soft light even after the sunlit archway vanished around a curve behind. Rand was sure the light was no natural thing, but he sensed it was benign, too.

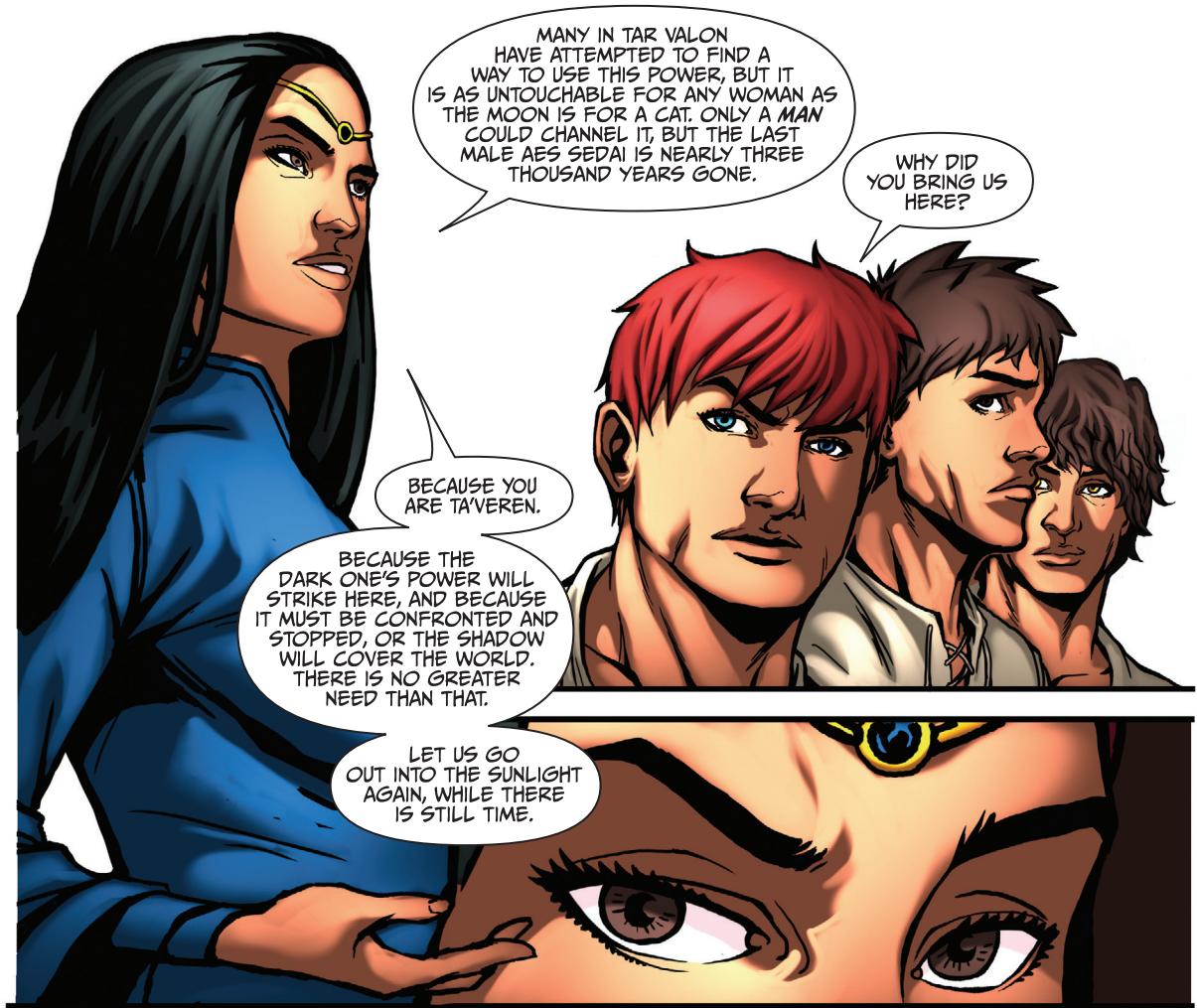
Even so, as they continued downward, Rand wondered why his skin was still crawling.



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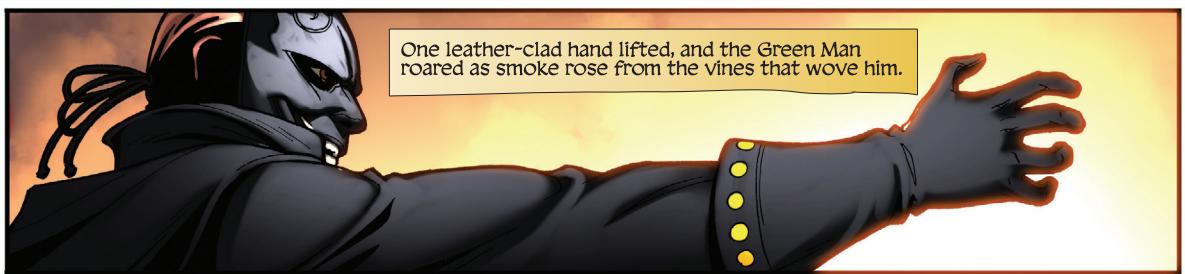






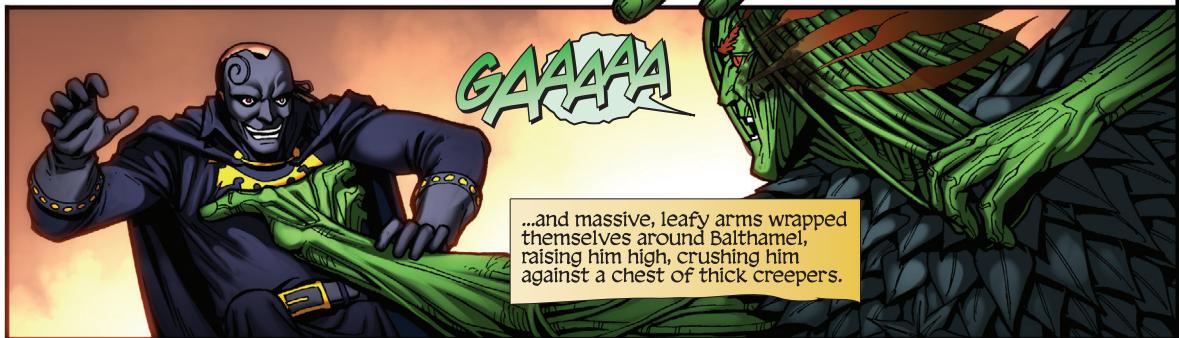








The Forsaken then turned back to Rand and the others, as if the Green Man had been dealt with, but with one long stride the gap was closed...



...and massive, leafy arms wrapped themselves around Balthamel, raising him high, crushing him against a chest of thick creepers.



Like serpents Balthamel's arms writhed free, his gloved hands grasping the Green Man's head.



Then Balthamel jerked in the Green Man's grasp. The Forsaken's hands tried to push him away instead of clutching him. One gloved hand flung wide...

...and a tiny creeper burst through the black leather. Balthamel thrashed as lichens, stinkweed, and deathshead mushrooms began to tear him apart from the inside out.



Balthamel twisted and jerked as all the things that grew in the dark places, all the things with spores that loved the dank, swelled and grew, tore cloth and leather and flesh to tattered shreds and covered him until only a mound remained.



with a groan like a limb breaking, the Green Man crashed to the ground. Burned leaves fell from his arm as he painfully stretched out his hand to gently cup an acorn.

The earth rumbled as an oak seedling pushed up. Roots shot out and thickened, the trunk broadened and stretched upward, bark turning gray and fissured and ancient. Limbs spread and grew heavy.



Stillness came, and an oak that could have stood five hundred years covered the spot where the Green Man had been, marking the tomb of a legend.



Even Aginor was stunned. Then his head lifted, cavernous eyes burning with hate.

ENOUGH.  
IT IS PAST  
TIME TO END  
THIS!

YES,  
FORSAKEN--  
PAST  
TIME!

With a gesture from the Aes Sedai, the ground began to fall away beneath Aginor's feet...

...a plume of fire erupted from the ground, surrounding the Forsaken. Between licks of flame, the Aes Sedai could see Aginor's face.

He was smiling.

RUN,  
ALL OF  
YOU!

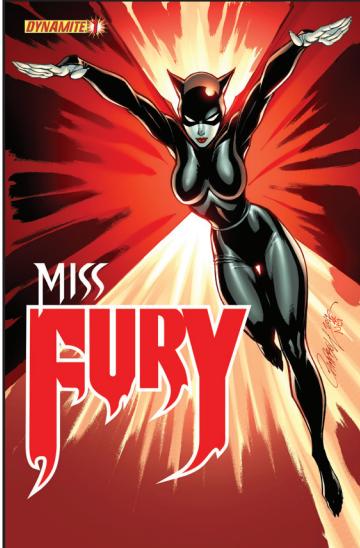
**RUN!**

To be continued...

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"It's the kickass action of La Femme Nikita meets the political intrigue of Homeland," says writer Rob Williams. "We're bringing the original super-heroine from the 1940s into 2013 and the future in a time-travel adventure like no other."

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Cosby succeeds in getting the reader to feel for her, it's a pretty nice story throughout. Easily recommended for fans and non-fans alike."

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(SCIFI PUZE):

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